

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 23-28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, Claims 1-22 are now pending in this case.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, Claims 1-22 drawn to an insertable device and Group II, Claims 23-28 drawn to a minimal access system having a driving device communicatively connected to an insertable device. In response, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-22. Accordingly, Claims 23-28 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants have also amended specification paragraph numbers 9, 32, 35, 36, 48, and 51, and the claims for minor informalities. Claims 6 and 10 have been amended to include a light element and a laser element as additional types of functional elements. All of the aforementioned amendments are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed and do not introduce new matter.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any still outstanding matters with respect to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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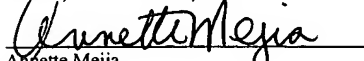
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